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APPLICATIONS OF THE NON-DEGENERATE STATISTICAL RELATION TO BINDING ENERGY CHARACTERISTICS IN NUCLEI

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We have derived a statistical relation for the number of occupied states in nuclei (Dutta, 1966, eq. 6) which may be stated as,

$$\begin{aligned} A/2 &= \{k_c A^5 f(A)\} \exp(-E_n^0(A) + E_f)/KT \\ &= \{k_c k_f A^5 f(A)\} \exp(-E_n^0(A)/KT) \\ &= 2.327 \times 10^4 A^5 f(A) \exp(-E_n^0(A)/0.40) \end{aligned} \quad \dots (1)$$

where $f(A) = 1 + 4.2 \exp(-3.27 \times 10^{-2} A^2)$.

The first factor in the first equation above, gives us the number of cells $C(A)$ in different nuclei. A slightly modified form of $f(A)$ as $1 + 4.32 \exp(-2.29 \times 10^{-2} A^2)$, with $k_c = 3.907 \times 10^{-3}$ gives us a more rational mode of increase of cell numbers as $C(4) = 16$; $C(8) = 16C(4)$; $C(16) = 16C(8)$; $C(32) = 32.C(16)$ and so on for further duplicated nucleon numbers. It gives us $k_f = 5.955 \times 10^6$ and hence $E_f = 6.24$ MeV, when $KT = 0.40$. With the changed expression for $f(A)$, we have also put $E_f = 6.226$ MeV and $KT = 0.399$ MeV for better correspondence. E_f becomes the extrapolated limiting energy per nucleon in a single combination particle, on the basis of $E_n^0(A)$ values for small nuclei.

We now consider the relations (Dutta, 1966, eq. 7) for nuclear binding energies. It may be expressed as,

$$E_n^0(A) = E_n^0(A) [2k_c A^4 f(A) \exp(-E_n^0(A) + E_f)/KT] \quad \dots (2)$$

The energy of any other form $e_n^0(A)$, associated with the nucleons in a nucleus, is expressed by the modified relation

$$e_n^0(A)/E_n^0(A) = [2k_c A^4 f'(A) \exp(-E_n^0(A) + E_f)/(KT)] \quad \dots (2a)$$

The energy under consideration, may be positive or negative and might be related to a single nucleon as in the case of the Λ -particle or distributed throughout the nucleons in a nucleus. The relationship suggests that the required ratio is primarily determined by the change in the exponential form with respect to $E_n^0(A)$. The change in (KT) and E_f tells us about the comparative rate of variation of the considered energy in relation to $E_n^0(A)$ and also about the starting magnitude. We may carry this idea to the minimum values of the total deducted energy, $U_n^0(A)$, per nucleon in different nuclei or separately to the coulomb and asymmetry energies per nucleon $U_{en}^0(A)$ or $U_{an}^0(A)$. The parameters E'_f and $(KT)'$ are obtained by trial with the required values. The complete set of relations may be put as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_n^0(A) &= E_n^0(A)[2k_c A^4 f(A) \exp(-E_n^0(A) + 6.226)/0.399] \\
 &= E_n^0(A)[2k_c k_f A^4 f(A) \exp(-E_n^0(A)/0.399)] \\
 \Lambda BE &= E_n^0(A)[2k_c k_f A^4 \exp(-E_n^0(A)/0.42)] \quad \dots \quad (2b) \\
 U_n^0(A) &= E_n^0(A)[2k_c A^4 f(A) \exp(-E_n^0(A) + 4.815)/0.4585] \\
 U_{en}^0(A) &= E_n^0(A)[2k_c A^4 f(A) \exp(-E_n^0(A) + 4.99)/0.443] \\
 U_{an}^0(A) &= E_n^0(A)[2k_c A^4 f(A) \exp(-E_n^0(A) + 0.52/0.643)]
 \end{aligned}$$

One may calculate from the set of relations (2b), above, the optimum binding energy E^* of a nucleus, the equivalent uniform radius R , corresponding to the nuclear coulomb energy or the optimum proton number Z_0 in a nucleus. These would be determined by the relations

$$\begin{aligned}
 E^* &= A(E_n^0(A) - U_n^0(A)), \\
 R &= 3/5 \cdot Z(Z-1)e^2/(A \cdot U_{en}^0(A)), \\
 A - 2Z_0 &= A(U_{an}^0/C)^{\frac{1}{2}}
 \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where the parameter ' C ' is taken as 21.3. The calculated as well as the experimental values of E^* and Z_0 (Konig *et al.*, 1962) and of R (Hofstadter, 1956) are shown in the following tables.

TABLE I
(E^* , the binding energies of the most strongly bound nuclei)

A	4	5	8	12	14	19	31	55	111	150	222	250
E^* (Calc)	26.6	34.3	58.2	99.3	108	151	259	475	949	1239	1705	1868
E^* (expt)	28.3	27.3	56.5	97.1	105	148	263	482	948	1240	1708	1870

TABLE II
(R , the equivalent uniform radius of nuclei)

Nucleus	C ¹²	Mg ²⁴	Si ²⁸	S ³²	Ca ⁴⁰	V ⁵¹	Co ⁵⁹	In ¹¹⁵	Sb ¹²³	Au ¹⁹⁷	Pb ²⁰⁷	Bi ²⁰⁹
R (Calc.)	2.90	3.76	4.10	4.35	4.90	4.52	5.02	5.97	5.88	6.84	6.89	7.03
R. Hofstadter	3.04	3.84	3.92	4.12	4.54	4.63	4.94	5.80	5.97	6.87	7.00	7.13

TABLE III
(Z_0 , the optimum proton number in a nucleus)

A	16	32	51	59	111	115	150	208	250
Z_0 (Calc.)	7.8	15.3	23.8	27.3	48.5	50.1	63	82.1	94.5
Z (expt)	8	16	23	27	48	49	62	82	98

The close agreement between the observed and the calculated values brings out the fundamental nature of $E_n^0(A)$ in determining all forms of nuclear energy values by modified exponential relations.

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